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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the specification.

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended). A method for treating a human male subject having erectile dysfunction and ~~for diagnosing~~ diagnosed with penile atherosclerosis as a primary cause for the erectile dysfunction, the method producing an erection suitable for sexual intercourse, comprising:

a) applying momentary vacuum therapy to the penis of the human male subject for reducing penile atherosclerosis;

b) administering an erectile dysfunction medication to the human male subject for inducing an erection prior to intercourse;

c) the human male subject being a subject for whom a PDE-5 inhibitor alone has never induced an erection suitable for sexual intercourse;

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d) the erectile dysfunction medication being a PDE-5 inhibitor; and

e) the method being performed without the use of a constricting ring on the penis of the human male subject.

2(cancelled).

3(cancelled).

4(cancelled).

5(currently amended). A method as in claim 1, 2, wherein:

a) the human male subject is a subject for whom a PDE-5 inhibitor alone has never induced an erection suitable for sexual intercourse without adverse side effects, ~~and~~

~~b) the erectile dysfunction medication is a PDE-5 inhibitor.~~

6(cancelled).

7(cancelled).

8(cancelled).

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9(currently amended). A method as in claim 1, ~~2~~, wherein:

a) the human male subject is a subject for whom a combination pharmacotherapy medication alone has never induced an erection suitable for sexual intercourse; and

b) an additional ~~the~~ erectile dysfunction medication is administered with the PDE-5 inhibitor to provide a combination pharmacotherapy medication.

10(currently amended). A method as in claim 1, ~~2~~, wherein:

a) the human male subject is a subject for whom a combination pharmacotherapy medication alone has become one of less effective and ineffective in inducing an erection suitable for sexual intercourse; and

b) an additional ~~the~~ erectile dysfunction medication is administered with the PDE-5 inhibitor to provide a combination pharmacotherapy medication.

11(currently amended). A method as in claim 1, ~~2~~, wherein:

a) the human male subject is a subject for whom a

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combination pharmacotherapy medication alone has never induced an erection suitable for sexual intercourse without adverse side effects; and

b) an additional the erectile dysfunction medication is administered with the PDE-5 inhibitor to provide a combination pharmacotherapy medication.

12(currently amended). A method as in claim 1, 2, wherein:

a) ~~the erectile dysfunction medication is a vasodilator;~~

b) ~~the human male subject is a subject for whom a vasodilator used alone is ineffective; and~~

a) ~~the~~ the momentary vacuum therapy and administration of the PDE-5 inhibitor vasodilator are used by the human male subject periodically and regularly for eventually achieving a natural erection without the use of the vasodilator and momentary vacuum therapy.

13(original). A method as in claim 1, wherein:

a) the momentary vacuum therapy is used by the human

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male subject periodically and regularly for eventually achieving a natural erection without the use of the momentary vacuum therapy.

14(cancelled).

15(currently amended). A method as in claim 1, ~~14~~ wherein:

a) the PDE-5 inhibitor ~~erectile dysfunction~~ medication is sildenafil citrate.

16(cancelled).

17(new). A method for treating a human male subject having erectile dysfunction and diagnosed with penile atherosclerosis as a primary cause for the erectile dysfunction, the method producing an erection suitable for sexual intercourse, comprising:

- a) applying momentary vacuum therapy to the penis of the human male subject for reducing penile atherosclerosis;
- b) administering an erectile dysfunction medication

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to the human male subject for inducing an erection prior to intercourse;

c) the human male subject being a subject for whom a vasodilator alone has never induced an erection suitable for sexual intercourse;

d) the erectile dysfunction medication being a vasodilator; and

e) the method being performed without the use of a constricting ring on the penis of the human male subject.

18(new). A method as in claim 17, wherein:

a) the vasodilator is alprostadil.